



School Newsletter

Friday, April 23, 2021

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Each child comes to school with their own unique developmental and environmental stories. *Has it been a good start to the day? Did you sleep well? Is there some unusual or ongoing stress that puts you on edge? Is there anxiety about an assignment or an interaction at school?* Those of us that have raised or worked around children for a while, or maybe even recall our own uneven emotional state, can see the happy high points deteriorate into anger or frustration in the blink of an eye. Sometimes that change is caused by that blink!

I believe one of our strengths and an important differentiator for Shepherd of the Hills is that we keep in mind and respect the circumstances of each student. The conscientiousness of our staff reflects our community's commitment to keeping our children safe. It is easy to see the result of a physical challenge like a sprained ankle or broken arm. Part of the positive evolution of education is that we also try to account for the emotional challenges of our students (and staff.)

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) is quite the buzzword in education circles and reflects our awareness of the emotional and spiritual, as well as academic, growth of our students. One of the reasons to send your child to a school with smaller class sizes and teachers that are committed to knowing and understanding your child is for this multifaceted education. Special efforts like Mindful Mondays or Fearless Fridays support the daily positive interactions on campus.

It is not news that kids are not perfect; even adults like me can occasionally be a bit short of awesome and make at least a few mistakes every day. What do we do to grow and be better from those mistakes and how do we treat others? My go to line from the Lord's Prayer reflects the empathy I hope we foster: "Forgive us our trespasses, as We forgive those who trespass against us." Any handbook or school philosophy that neglects the Golden Rule does the community a disservice!

Two ongoing initiatives on campus reflect a larger commitment to avoid situations that can have serious consequences for our children. First, we will be presenting the "Circle of Grace" Safe Environment curriculum that has been developed and recommended by the Archdiocese in Religion classes. A letter from Archbishop Listecki is linked here with more information:

<https://schools.archmil.org/ArchMil/Resources/SAFE/CircleofGracePromulgationLetterApril2020.pdf>

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Also, as part of their community service, the 7th grade has prepared posters to raise awareness of April as Child Abuse Prevention month.

With these kinds of efforts, we are providing our students resources and insights to self-advocate and avoid situations that are deleterious to their development. It is a worthy use of our time and energy in support of their growth and maturity. God bless them on their journey!.

Best regards and many blessings,
[Mr. Ron Smyczek, Principal](#)

[Spotlight on STREAM - Engineering](#)

Dress Code Reminder

Shorts

Shorts may be worn to school from the start of the school year until September 30 and again from May 1 until the end of the school year.

- Shorts must be knee length or longer. (i.e.: Bermuda style shorts)
- Low rise shorts, short shorts, camouflage shorts, cut-off shorts, athletic shorts and shorts made from nylon, spandex or mesh should not be worn.
- Students may not wear shorts when attending Mass.



May Crowning - Wednesday, May 5

SOTH 2nd and 3rd grade students will crown Mary during Mass on **Wednesday, May 5**. The First Communicants should wear their First Communion attire and 3rd grade students should dress in their Sunday best. 2nd and 3rd grade parents and grandparents are invited to join us for May Crowning and Mass.

Muffins with Mom Event

Shepherd of the Hills will host Muffins with Mom on **Wednesday, May 12 from 7:30 - 8:00 am**. Please join us outside the entrance at drop off for coffee, juice, milk and treats! RSVP by Wednesday, May 5. Thank you!

[RSVP for Muffins with Mom](#)

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Phy Ed - Water Bottles Needed!

Mrs. Bengel and the Phy Ed classes are in need of some plastic water bottles for a project; if you have any at home that you could wash and send with your child on **Monday, April 26**, we will let them sit before using them! Thank you!

Scholastic Book Fair

SOTH Spring Book Fair will be held from May 7 - 11 in the Coffee House. Please support the book fair in person at the following times:

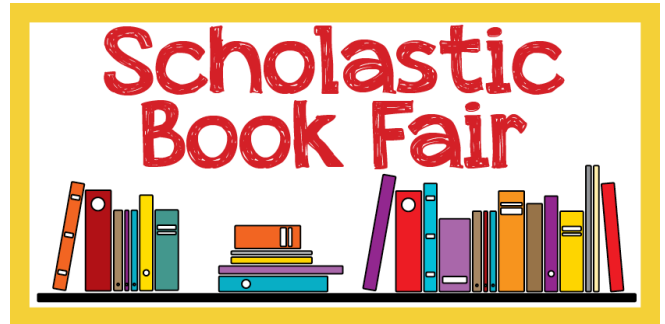
Friday, May 7 - 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Saturday, May 8 - after 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, May 9 - 9:00 - 9:45 and 10:30 - 11:30 am

Monday, May 10 - 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Tuesday, May 11 - 3:00 - 3:30 pm



SOTH Virtual Spring Concert - Costumes

Shepherd of the Hills Spring Concert 'Hits of the Decades' will be recorded and sent to families on Tuesday, May 11.

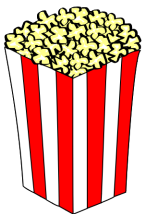
Monday, May 3: Only 3K/4K and 5K wear concert costumes.

Tuesday, May 4: ALL 3K-8 students need to come to school dressed in their spring concert clothing.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY 3K/4K need to wear their costumes on BOTH MAY 3 & 4.

- **Grades 3K/4K and 5K: 1950's styles**
- **Grades 1, 2, 3: 1960's styles (Except for the four 3rd grade boys, who should dress in white shirts, black ties, and black pants, as The Beatles.)**
- **Grades 4 - 8: 1980's styles**

Please Google for costume ideas. For more information, please email [Ms. Pelletier](#).



Student Council Dress Up Day & Popcorn Sale - Friday, April 30

On **Friday, April 30**, the Student Council is sponsoring a dress up day and popcorn sale! Students should bring \$1 for popcorn and wear their Blue & Gold/Brewer attire! Chips will be available for those that cannot have popcorn.

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Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

The theme for 2021 Teacher Appreciation Week will incorporate the school-wide "Faith Over Fear" theme with SUPERHERO WEEK! "HAVE NO FEAR... SOTH STAFF ARE HERE!"



The following are student participation Days:

- **5/3 Monday - "Make it a MARVELous Monday" - Acts of Kindness Day to find your super power, you only need to do a small good deed.**
- **5/6 Thursday - Dress like a Superhero**
- **5/7 Friday - Everyday Heroes - Dress like a real-life hero (teacher, doctor, nurse, emergency response, author, sports figure, police officer, firefighter, saint, etc... The sky's the limit!)**

Yearbooks

If you did not order a yearbook on Back to School/Picture Day last August, but would still like one, please contact Quick & Smart at 920-922-8233. Not sure if you ordered? [Check the list here!](#) Or contact the school office at jhively@sothparish.org or 920-477-3551.

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Box Tops for Education

Have you downloaded the Box Tops App to your phone?

It's easy! Use this link to download the app:

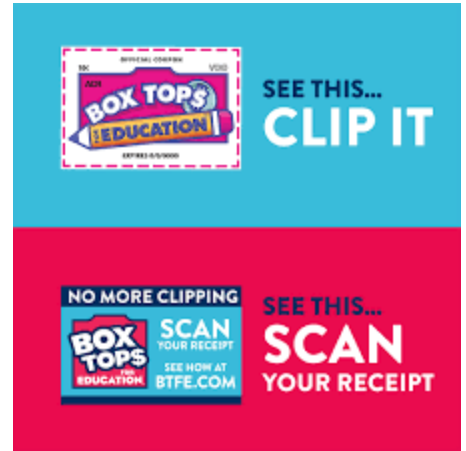
https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral_code=BOC32XFZ

Do you order your groceries online?

If you order your groceries online you can forward your receipt to this address: receipts@boxtops4education.com

[Program Overview - How It Works!](#)

[Participating Products List](#)



Scrip Program at Shepherd of the Hills

Contact Scrip Coordinator, Nancy Loehr, at sothscrip@gmail.com with questions or how to get started.

To view a complete list of vendors go to www.shopwithscrip.com.

Plan ahead: Paper Scrip orders will not be processed on **Sunday, May 9** or **Sunday, May 30**. Thank you!

[Scrip Order Form](#)

Links & Social Media

[2020 I-094 Schedule PS, Private School Tuition \(Fillable Form\)](#)

NEW >>> [2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

[April 2021 Hot Lunch Calendar](#)

NEW >>> [May 2021 Hot Lunch Calendar](#)

[SOTH Mini Tour 2021](#)

Amazon Smile Program Link: smile.amazon.com/ch/39-2012475

School Website: sothschool.weebly.com

Parish Website: sothparish.org

Facebook: Shepherd of the Hills Catholic School

Instagram: sothcatholicschool

[Parent Handbook](#)

[Vacation Request Form](#)

[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

[E-Funds for Schools Online Payment Portal](#)

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SOTH Calendar of Events

Date	Activity
Saturday, April 24 & Sunday, April 25	First Communion Weekend
Sunday, April 25	Good Shepherd Sunday SOTH Parish Carry Out Chicken Dinner 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Monday, April 26	Mindful Monday MAPS Testing Begins (April 19-30)
Wednesday, April 28	All School Mass 8:30 am - Maroon & Khaki Dress Code
Friday, April 30	Milwaukee Brewer Blue & Gold Day Student Council Popcorn Sale
Saturday, May 1 & Sunday, May 2	First Communion Weekend
Monday, May 3	Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (May 3-7) "Make it a MARVELous Monday" - Acts of Kindness Day Mindful Monday 3K, 4K, 5K - 1950's Attire for Spring Concert Recording MAPS Testing - Make Up SMSA High School Grant Paperwork Due!
Tuesday, May 4	3K, 4K, 5K - 1950's Attire for Spring Concert Recording Grades 1, 2, 3 - 1960's Attire for Spring Concert Recording Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 - 1980's Attire for Spring Concert Recording School Commission 6:00 pm
Wednesday, May 5	All School Mass 8:30 am - Maroon & Khaki Dress Code May Crowning during Mass Muffins with Mom RSVP due!
Thursday, May 6	Dress like a Superhero Day Fox Valley Savings Bank Presentations
Friday, May 7	Everyday Heroes Day - Dress Like a Real-Life Hero! First Friday Rosary 11:00 am Scholastic Book Fair 3:00 - 3:30 pm - Coffee House
Saturday, May 8	Scholastic Book Fair after 4:00 pm Mass - Coffee House
Sunday, May 9	Scholastic Book Fair 9:00 - 9:45 and 10:30 - 11:30 am - Coffee House
Monday, May 10	Mindful Monday Scholastic Book Fair 3:00 - 3:30 pm - Coffee House
Tuesday, May 11	Virtual Spring Concert Scholastic Book Fair 3:00 - 3:30 pm - Coffee House
Wednesday, May 12	Muffins with Mom Event RSVP 7:30 - 8:00 am at school entrance All School Mass 8:30 am - Maroon & Khaki Dress Code
Friday, May 14	Milwaukee Bucks OR Milwaukee Brewers Day

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